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1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE I DISCUSSED CONDITIONS FOR EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEABED. COMMITTEE II COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS ON ITEMS 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 AND 18. COMMITTEE III CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS IN INFORMAL GROUPS.

2. COMMITTEE I. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF C-8 BEGAN DISCUSSION OF CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION (RULES AND REGULATIONS) IN ATMOSPHERE OF LDC RELUCTANCE TO EVEN PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. ON AUGUST 8 AND 9, US C-I REP DELIVERED LENGTHY IMPROMPTU STATEMENT ON IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO INCLUDING BASIC REGULATIONS IN TREATY AND WHAT PURPOSE  
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INDIVIDUAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS ARE DESIGNED TO SERVE.

IN COURSE OF STATEMENT US INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLES ON CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION WHICH WERE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. US INTERVENTION INCLUDED FIRM WARNING TO GROUP OF 77 THAT US COULD NOT AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ARTICLE 9, EXPLOITATION SYSTEM, UNTIL C-I MADE SOMMITMENT TO INCLUDE BASIC REGULATORY PROVISIONS IN CONVENTION. STRONG STAND TAKEN BY US GENERATED APPREHENSION AMONG MANY LDC DELS THAT THEY MUST SOMEHOW COME TO TERMS WITH US ON THIS ISSUE IF NEGOTIATION WAS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND GROUP OF 77 IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING DRAFT OF FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. IT APPEARS THAT C-I WILL MEET INFORMALLY FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT.

3. COMMITTEE II. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS 9 (LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES) AND 10 (RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF SHELF-LOCKED STATES AND STATES WITH NARROW SHELVES OR SHORT COAST-LINES) WAS COMPLETED WITH CLEAR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES ON GUARANTEED ACCESS TO SEA AND ON SHARING OF RESOURCES IN ECONOMIC ZONE IN REGIONAL BASIS. THERE WERE NO SPEAKERS ON ITEM 11 (RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF STATES WITH BROAD SHELVES). ON ITEM 16 (ARCHIPELOGOES) MOST ATTENTION FOCUSED ON WHETHER OR NOT ARCHIPELAGIC STATES OR STATES WITH OUTLINE OR COASTAL ARCHIPELAGOES SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO ARCHIPELAGIC REGIME AND, IF SO, WHAT NAVIGATION REGIME WOULD BE APPLICABLE THERE- IN. MAIN ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 17 (ENCLOSED AND SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS) WAS WHETHER OR NOT SPECIAL REGIME SHOULD BE APPLIED TO SUCH SEAS. ONLY ONE SPEAKER SPOKE ON ITEM 18 (ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS AND INSTALLA- TIONS). INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF WORKINB PAPER NO. 14 (EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BEYOND THE TERRI- TORIAL SEA) LED TO NUMBER OF SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS ON WORKING PAPER WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE II BUREAU AND REFLECTED IN ITS REVISION.

4. COMMITTEE III. FORMAL SESSION AUGUST 9 HEARD UNEP SPOKESMAN SUGGEST GENERAL COORDINATING ROLE FOR THAT ORGANIZATION IN MARINE POLLUTION MATTERS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LAND-BASED SOURCES. INFORMAL SESSIONS DE- UNCLASSIFIED

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FERRED CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLES ON RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY, SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY, AND DISPUTE SETTLE- MENT, IN ORDER TO ALLOW SMALL DRAFTING-NEGOTIATING GROUP MAXIMUM TIME TO WORK ON ARTICLES ON JURISDICTION, STANDARDS, AND ENFORCEMENT. SMALL GROUP COMPLETED PRE- PARATION OF AGREED AND ALTERNATIVE TEXTS ON PARTICULAR OBLIGATIONS AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO EXPLOIT NATIONAL RESOURCES, AND COMMENCED WORK ON

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION. LDC DOUBLE STANDARD REMAINED DOMINANT THEME, WITH INDIA AND BRAZIL TAKING LEAD IN FAVOR, AND U.S. (SUPPORTED BY MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH EXCEPTION OF CANADA) AGAINST. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONTINUED WORK ON AGEND, FOCUSING ATTENTION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, AND RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY. WORKING GROUP STILL ATTEMPTING TO NARROW DIFFERENCES ON RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO FOUR TRENDS- CONSENT, QUALIFIED CONSENT, US POSITION AND SOVIET POSITION. DRAFTING GROUP HEADED BY NETHERLANDS CONTI- NUES TO PREPARE ARTICLES ENDORSING US POSITION, THUS LENDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO OUR POSITION.  
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